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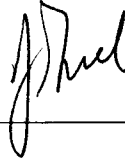
DATE: June 15, 2005

TO: Administration Committee  
Executive Committee  
Regional Council

FROM: Karen Tachiki, Chief Counsel  
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SUBJECT: Authorization for the Executive Committee to meet in August and Delegation of Authority

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S APPROVAL:



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## RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Authorize the Executive Committee to meet in August, if necessary, and to take appropriate action on contract and legislative matters subject to ratification at the September Regional Council meeting.

## BACKGROUND:

At the May meeting of the Regional Council, the decision was made to forgo the August 2005 meeting. As a result, it is necessary that the Regional Council delegate to the Executive Committee the authority to meet and take necessary actions, particularly with regard to the award of contracts until the Regional Council convenes again in September 2005. At the present time, the staff anticipates that there will be two contracts that will be presented for consideration. They are highlighted below. Additionally, it is suggested that the Executive Committee also be authorized to consider legislative matters, if necessary, and to report its actions to the Regional Council in September.

### **1. RFP # 06-017-C1 / Update of the Regional Transportation Plan**

As the designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the six-county region in Southern California, SCAG must update the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) every three years. SCAG faces many challenges in developing its regional transportation plan (RTP) which will address the years 2006 through 2030.

While weighing these challenges, SCAG's RTP must carefully consider the costs to the region of all transportation options and the available revenue stream to support these projects and programs. The adopted RTP must include a financial plan to cover any revenue shortfalls including feasible strategies for new or increased revenue sources. In accordance with the Transportation Conformity Rule, regional long range transportation plans (RTPs) for non-attainment and maintenance areas must be fiscally constrained in order to be found in conformity. Fiscal constraint is a demonstration that there will be sufficient funds to implement proposed improvements and to operate and maintain the entire system by comparing costs with available financial resources.

In order to tackle these challenges, the scope identifies four major components. The first component identifies work related directly to the development of the RTP, including technical and policy work associated with development and presentation of options or alternatives to the policy makers to consider towards adoption of the next RTP. The remaining three components entail developing a financial plan for the next RTP, including identification of new revenue sources/financing techniques as appropriate and structuring of a feasible framework for implementing recommended financial strategies. In particular, emphasis will be placed on innovative financing initiatives for the region's goods movement system.

The ultimate work product resulting from this effort is the next RTP that enjoys the general consensus of the stakeholders, meets the system performance goals and objectives set forth by the Regional Council, identifies the necessary funding mechanisms and framework for implementing the transportation improvements, particularly improvements associated with the goods movement system, and last but not the least, meets all the regulatory and statutory requirements including positive conformity findings.

The total proposed budget is \$1,280,000. The available funding for FY 05/06 is \$540,000 with \$740,000 proposed for FY 06/07. The duration of the contract is anticipated to be August 2005 through June 2007.

## **2. RFP # 06-021 / Compass 2% Strategy Implementation, Integration with Growth Forecasting, & Input to the 2007 RTP Update**

The Compass Vision and 2% Strategy have resulted in a new planning framework for southern California's future and a new perspective on how local decision-makers can make planning choices that have tremendous value to both individual communities and the region as a whole. The multi-year, collaborative Compass work program has resulted in numerous work products that have formed the basis for the 2004 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Preferred Plan and will continue to change the climate for regional planning and cooperation throughout the SCAG region. SCAG has developed tools and resources to assist cities and counties as they plan for a better future for all southern Californians.

To supplement the Planning and Policy Department Community Development Division work efforts, SCAG is seeking consultant assistance to integrate the inter-related planning efforts to meet the requirements of the 2007 RTP growth forecasting process, including the assistance in the development of the socioeconomic data sets for 2007 RTP/EIR, the continued implementation of the Compass 2% Strategy program and the development and implementation of additional tools and resources for the Compass 2% Strategy. The key components include:

- Compass 2% Strategy refinement, implementation, consensus building and program marketing, including further development of the SCAG subregional program
- Develop partnerships with local governments, developers, non-profits, banking industry, etc. to initiate and complete 25-30 Demonstration Projects throughout the SCAG region
- Develop a web-based interactive data and mapping tool for 5 counties similar to and

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compatible with the existing LA LOTS program

- Assist SCAG staff in the development of the 2007 Growth Forecast including growth projections without regional policy input and growth projections and growth alternatives with regional policy input

The total proposed budget is \$1,300,000. The available funding for FY 05/06 is \$550,000 with \$750,000 proposed for FY 06/07. The duration of the contract is anticipated to be August 2005 through June 2007.

The actions taken by the Executive Committee would be reported at the September meeting for ratification by the Regional Council

**FISCAL IMPACT:** The funds for FY 05/06 are in the approved Overall Work Program (OWP).